

### SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

This Amendment cancels Claim 11 and amends Claim 20. Support for the amendments is found in the specification and claims as originally filed. In particular, support for Claim 20 is found in Claim 20 and in the specification at least at Fig. 3. No new matter would be introduced by entry of these amendments.

Upon entry of these amendments, Claims 4, 5, 7, 12-13, 20, 24-28 and 33-38 will be pending in this application. Claims 4, 5, 12, 13, 20, 24, 25, 26 and 33 are independent. Claims 4-5, 7, 12-13, 24-28 and 33-38 are withdrawn from consideration pursuant to two Restriction Requirements.

### REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing and reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, in light of the remarks that follow.

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs. To obviate the rejections, Claim 20 is amended.

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,091,209 ("Claverie") taken in view of JP 60-116776 ("Inoue"), U.S. Patent No. 6,440,494 ("Arena-Foster") and U.S. Patent No. 6,001,172 ("Bhandari"). Claim 11 is canceled, so the rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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